

REMARKS

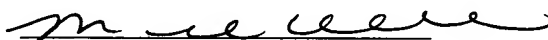
New claims 21 and 22 track previously allowed claims 9 and 20 from this application's parent application – except that these new claims are not restricted to a particular type of material from which to form the gate electrode. The examiner's reasons for allowance did not mention the type of material from which the gate electrode is formed. Because that element is not a feature required to distinguish the prior art, new claims 21 and 22 are patentable for the same reasons that previously allowed claims 9 and 20 are patentable. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the examiner to allow new pending claims 21 and 22 to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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